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For: "Internet Settlement System"

Box Non-Fee Amendment Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before examining this case, please enter this preliminary amendment.

In the description

On page 1, line 4, after "is" insert - a continuation of serial no. 08/949,068, filed Oct. 10,

1997, now abandoned, which is--;

On page 18, line 3, delete "Greenich" and substitute therefor -- Greenwich--.

In the claims:

Add new claims 18 - 20; and

Amend claims 6, 10 and 12 as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date <u>June 16, 2000</u> with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Non-Fee Amendment, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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